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1-44 (Cancelled).

45 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 95 wherein said article is a diaper.

46 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 95 wherein the absorbent body is affixed to the stretchable multilayer chassis in a lateral attachment pattern.

47-49 (Cancelled).

50 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 95 wherein the stretchable multilayer chassis comprises a chassis liner and an outer cover, said chassis liner defining the inner surface of said chassis and said outer cover defining the outer surface of said chassis.

51 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50, wherein the chassis liner and the outer cover are each extensible.

52 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner and the outer cover are each elastic.

53 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner is extensible and the outer cover is elastic.

54 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner is elastic and the outer cover is extensible.

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55 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner comprises a neck-stretched, spunbond web.

56 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 25% to about 125%.

57 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 100% to about 200%.

58 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 150% to about 250%.

59 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises polypropylene spunbond material laminated with styrene-isoprene-styrene-based adhesive.

60 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises at least one of the following: a microporous polymer film, a nonwoven fabric, a spunbonded laminate, a meltblown laminate, a  
5 spunbond-meltblown-spunbond laminate, and a stretch-bonded laminate.

61 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises a thermoplastic nonwoven web made from a stretchable polymer.

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62 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 61 wherein the stretchable polymer is selected from the following: polyolefins, polyethylene, heterophasic polymers, olefin polymers and multi-block 5 elastomeric copolymers.

63 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 95 wherein the absorbent body comprises at least an absorbent core.

64 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 63 wherein the absorbent body further comprises at least one of a tissue wrapsheet and an absorbent body liner.

65 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 63 wherein the absorbent core comprises a matrix of hydrophilic fibers and superabsorbent material.

66 (Currently amended). A disposable absorbent article having a longitudinal axis and a lateral axis, said article comprising:

a stretchable multilayer chassis having an inner 5 surface and an outer surface, said chassis comprising:

an elastic chassis liner defining the inner surface of the chassis and being stretchable at least laterally; and

an elastic outer cover secured to the chassis liner and defining the outer surface of the chassis, said outer cover 10 being stretchable at least laterally;

an absorbent body having an inner surface, an outer surface overlaying the inner surface of the chassis, and longitudinal ends, the absorbent body comprising:

an absorbent core;

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15        a tissue wrapsheet wrapped about the absorbent core; and  
            a surge management layer; and  
            an absorbent body liner secured at least in part to the  
            chassis liner, said absorbent body being disposed between the  
            absorbent body liner and the chassis liner with the surge  
20        management layer disposed between the tissue wrapsheet and the  
            absorbent body liner;

the absorbent body liner extending longitudinally to the  
            longitudinal ends of the absorbent body and having an inner  
            surface and an outer surface facing the inner surface of the  
25        absorbent body, said inner surface of the absorbent body liner  
            being uncovered at the longitudinal ends of the absorbent body  
            to permit contact of the absorbent body liner with a wearer of  
            the article at the longitudinal ends of the absorbent body, the  
            absorbent body liner and absorbent body being sized relative to  
30        the chassis such that a portion of the chassis is uncovered by  
            the absorbent body liner and absorbent body to permit contact  
            of the inner surface of the chassis with the wearer of the  
            article the inner surface of the absorbent body being free from  
            contact with the chassis at the longitudinal ends of the  
35        absorbent body.

67 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent  
article set forth in claim 66 wherein the absorbent body is  
affixed to the stretchable multilayer chassis in a lateral  
attachment pattern.

68 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent  
article set forth in claim 66 wherein the absorbent body is  
affixed along at least a portion of its outer surface to the  
chassis liner.

69-75 (Cancelled).

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76 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the chassis liner comprises a neck-stretched, spunbond web.

77 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 25% to about 125%.

78 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 100% to about 200%.

79 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 150% to about 250%.

80 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises polypropylene spunbond material laminated with styrene-isoprene-styrene-based adhesive.

81 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises at least one of the following: a microporous polymer film, a nonwoven fabric, a spunbonded laminate, a meltblown laminate, a 5 spunbond-meltblown-spunbond laminate, and a stretch-bonded laminate.

82 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises a thermoplastic nonwoven web made from a stretchable polymer.

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83 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 82 wherein the stretchable polymer is selected from the following: polyolefins, polyethylene, heterophasic polymers, olefin polymers and multi-block 5 elastomeric copolymers.

84 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the absorbent body comprises at least one of a non-stretch material and a low stretch material.

85 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66, wherein the absorbent core comprises a matrix of hydrophilic fibers and superabsorbent fibers.

86-87 (Cancelled).

88 (Currently amended). A disposable absorbent article comprising:

a stretchable multilayer chassis having a longitudinal axis, a lateral axis, an inner surface, an outer surface, 5 an elastic chassis liner defining the inner surface of the chassis and being stretchable at least laterally, and an elastic outer cover secured to the chassis liner and defining the outer surface of the chassis, said outer cover being stretchable at least laterally;

10 an absorbent body having an inner surface, an outer surface and longitudinal ends, said absorbent body being affixed along at least a portion of its outer surface to the inner surface of said chassis whereby the inner surface of the absorbent body lies against a wearer of the article during use, 15 said chassis being stretchable about the wearer independent of the absorbent body; and

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at least one leg elastic member two leg elastic members spaced laterally from each other and interposed between the elastic outer cover and the elastic chassis liner.

89 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 88 further comprising at least one waist elastic member extending longitudinally substantially less than the length of the chassis and interposed between the elastic 5 outer cover and the elastic chassis liner.

90 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 88 wherein the inner surface of the absorbent body is free from contact with the chassis at the longitudinal ends of the absorbent body.

91 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 further comprising at least one-leg elastic member two leg elastic members spaced laterally from each other and interposed between the outer cover and the 5 chassis liner.

92 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 further comprising at least one waist elastic member extending longitudinally substantially less than the length of the chassis and interposed between the outer 5 cover and the chassis liner.

93 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 further comprising at least one-leg elastic member two leg elastic members spaced laterally from each other and interposed between the outer cover and the 5 chassis liner.

94 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 further comprising at least one waist

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elastic member extending longitudinally substantially less than  
the length of the chassis and interposed between the outer  
5 cover and the chassis liner.

95 (Currently amended). A disposable absorbent article comprising:

a stretchable multilayer chassis having a longitudinal axis, a lateral axis, an inner surface, and an outer surface;  
5 said chassis being stretchable at least laterally; and  
an absorbent body having an inner surface, an outer surface facing the inner surface of the chassis, and  
longitudinal ends, said absorbent body being affixed along at  
least a portion of its outer surface to the inner surface of  
10 said chassis whereby the inner surface of the absorbent body  
lies against a wearer of the article during use, the inner  
surface of the absorbent body being free from contact with the  
chassis at the longitudinal ends of the absorbent body, the  
inner surface of the absorbent body being uncovered at the  
15 longitudinal ends thereof to permit contact of the absorbent  
body with the wearer of the article at the longitudinal ends of  
the absorbent body, the absorbent body being sized relative to  
the chassis such that a portion of the chassis is uncovered by  
20 the absorbent body to permit contact of the inner surface of  
the chassis with the wearer of the article, said chassis being  
stretchable about the wearer independent of the absorbent body.

96 - 98 (Canceled).